

## Andrew Jackson to Samuel Houston, February 7, 1827, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

1 The envelope is marked "Private".

Hermitage, February 7, 1827.

*D'r Genl.* , I have Just recd. a letter from my friend Judge White, informing me, that his address at the festive board, on the 8th of January last when I was remembered in one of the regular toasts, has given great offence to Mr. Monroe and he is preparing for the public, a reply 2 Why or wherefore Mr. Monroe should thus get offended I am at a loss to conjecture. when he comes forth I will see the cause he assigns, and however I may regret to appear before the public, still if he ascribes acts of his own, in defence of the lower country, not fairly belonging to him,

2 See Monroe's letters of Jan. 26 and Feb. 9, 1827, to Judge White, in his *Writings* , VII. 93–112.

Justice will prompt[t] me to reply. The application to Mr. Sec Southard may have come to his knowledge and this assumed offence, may be put forth in terrorum, to shield Mr. Southard from his situation—but be this as it may, I hope you have presented my letter to Mr. Southard, and required his reply. I write this, that if you have not upon the receipt of this, that you forthwith do so. This is necessary, if no use ever should be made of it. It may be that Mr. Monroe has heard of it—if so, the greater necessity for the delivery of my letter to Mr. Southard, that I may if occasion should require, have his informant, and be prepared to shew the possitive falshood of the declarations he has made let them come from what quarter they may. you may rest assured, that there has been already two much delay in delivering my letter, having heard it, delay may be construed into a proof of the

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truth of his declarations, and as I am now living, I am able to shew the possitive falsety of his Statement, and it is my duty to do so, whenever the proper period may arrive. The copy of the letter you inclosed to me the other day, gives such evidence of hypocracy and deplomacy that when the original reaches me, I will be prepared at some fit moment to give to the nation a true picture of base ingratitude, and wicked deception. I therefore enjoin it on you, before you leave the city to deliver, if you have not done it before, my letter to Mr. Southard and require his answer. If he refuses to answer, note it in writing in his presence, and send it to me by some safe hand. I have been looking for your letter for some mails past, and am without information of my letter enclosing the one to Mr. Southard having reached you. attend to this business for me, and you will much oblige yr. friend